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## PSC APPROVES WATER TERRITORIAL AGREEMENT

JEFFERSON CITY--The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved a water territorial agreement between Consolidated Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Boone County and the City of Ashland which designates the boundaries of each water supplier in part of Boone County near Ashland.

The Commission's order approves an April 1, 2005, agreement reached in this case by the joint applicants, the Office of the Public Counsel and the PSC Staff.

The agreement noted that the territorial agreement between Consolidated Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Boone County and the City of Ashland will allow the City and the District to avoid wasteful duplication of water services within the affected service areas. The agreement also indicates that the territorial agreement will improve the ability of the City and the District to plan for future water service, will enable customers to know who will provide their water service, and will establish a method for the City and the District to amend their service territories in the future.

Water service for existing customers will not change under the agreement. However, some District customers who live within the water service area of the City may, at some time in the future, be switched to service provided by the City.

The Commission determined the territorial agreement will not be detrimental to the public interest and should be approved.